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THE KURDS  
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In January 1959, D/GG began a detailed study of present-day Kurdish people to be used in support of DD/P operations. The problem centers around the Kurds of Iraq but also concerns those living in Turkey, Syria, Iran, and the USSR. Primary emphasis is placed on the personalities of tribal leaders, their relationships to each other, political affiliations and leanings, intelligence activities, leadership ability and military strength, connections with USSR, and relationship to their parent governments. Names and locations of tribal units will be included where possible. General information on the history and mode of life of the Kurds is readily available and will not be included.

A working outline is attached to indicate those topics against which effort is being concentrated. This may serve to increase understanding of the scope of the project.

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